

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. **(Canceled).**
2. **(Currently Amended)** A tripod constant velocity universal joint as set forth in Claim 7, wherein a plurality of needle rollers are disposed between each trunnion journal and the corresponding rollers carried by the trunnion journal, the contact ratio of said roller to said roller guide surface is ~~so set that~~ wherein contact surface pressure produced on said roller during application of the predetermined torque is not more than contact surface pressure produced between said trunnion journal and said needle rollers.
3. **(Previously Presented)** A tripod constant velocity universal joint as set forth in Claim 7, wherein the contact ratio of said roller to said roller guide surface is 1.02 – 1.2.
4. **(Previously Presented)** A tripod constant velocity universal joint as set forth in Claim 7, wherein a ratio L_s/d_o of the width (L_s) to an outer diameter (d_o) of said roller is 0.32 or below.
5. **(Original)** A tripod constant velocity universal joint as set forth in Claim 4, wherein the ratio L_s/d_o of the width (L_s) to the outer diameter (d_o) of said roller is 0.24 – 0.27.
6. **(Canceled).**
7. **(Previously Presented)** A tripod constant velocity universal joint comprising:

an outer joint member having three axial track grooves in an inner periphery and roller guide surfaces formed in opposing side walls of each track groove;

a tripod member having three radially projecting trunnion journals; and

rollers carried by respective trunnion journals and received in the track grooves of said outer joint member, each roller being guided on a part-spherical outer peripheral surface by said roller guide surfaces,

wherein contact between said roller and said roller guide surfaces is circular contact having a contact ratio 1.01 or above,

wherein a width dimension of said roller is reduced to an extent that a contact ellipse produced by said roller during application of a predetermined torque does not deviate from an end surface of said roller,

wherein said contact ratio is defined by a ratio of a radius of curvature of said roller guide surface relative to a radius of curvature of said outer peripheral surface,

wherein a portion of said roller guide surface corresponding to the end of said roller is formed with a relief portion, and

wherein said relief portion is a concave arc smoothly connected to a corner located at each end of said roller guide surface.

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